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**The China Mail.**  
HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1893.  
**TELEGRAMS.**  
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**HOME RULE BILL.**  
**LONDON, July 25, 1885.**  
 An unexampled scene occurred in the House of Commons, when Mr. Chamberlain, discussing Mr. Gladstone's new financial clauses in the Home Rule Bill, compared him to King Herod. The Irish Members retorted by comparing Mr. Chamberlain to Judas Iscariot. A scuffle ensued in which blows were freely exchanged between the Tories and Nationalists. All the clauses were passed, and the report fixed for the 7th of August.

**WEATHER NOTICE.**  
 The following notice was issued from the Observatory, July 25, 1885:

10.25 a.m. : "Typhooa Ec. Formosa,"  
At 10.43 a.m. : "Barometer falling, gentle  
N.W. breezes, sea smooth, weather fine."

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

PASSED SUVEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND :—St. Hubert, June 23 ;  
Meliana, 27 ; Crown, Melbourne, 30 ; Cy-  
clops, Sinterre Bros., July 4 ; Gaudin,  
Marsei, 7 ; Cardignac, Kaiser,  
Prism, 11 ; Geufurin, Zastar, Kara,  
Agolia, 14 ; Nafas, Adoula, 18.

HOMEWARD BOUND :—Titan, Oriental, June  
27 ; Energie, 30 ; Breconshire, July  
14 ; Glenrhyg, Glenlogh, Kara, 18.

The N. P. s.s. *Mogul*, which left Victoria, B.C., on the 3rd inst., left Yokohama  
on this port on Saturday, the  
22nd inst.

The N. L. Co.'s s.s. *Oldenburger*, with  
the GERMAN MAIL, of July 3, left Sin-

be expected here on or about Wednesday, Aug. 2.

The O. & O. s.s. *Seigie*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama on July 13.

The C. P. R. s.s. *Empress of China* left Vancouver on July 17, for Hongkong.

The P. M. Co.'s steamer *Pearl* left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on July 22.

The N. P. s.s. *Victoria* left Victoria, B. C., on July 23, for Yokohama, Kobe and Hongkong.

The O. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Tanaka* left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama on July 23.

The **F. & O. S. Bombay** left Singapore for this port on July 26, and may be expected here on or about July 28.

The **S. s. Stratford**, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port on July 25, and may be expected here on or about July 31.

The **N. G. L. s. Bangkok**, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port on July 25, and may be expected here on or about July 31.

The **S. s. Wingang**, with mail, &c., from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port, and may be expected here on or about July 31.

The **P. O. S. s. Fernow** left London for this port on July 14.

ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—THIRTY SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Mattew.—Voice, Hallel: Psalms, Woodward & Grosvenor. Hymns, Barry in D. Benedicite, Langdon; Anthem, "Blessed are they that dwell in Thy

250: Offertory Sentences. Stainer.  
 Evensong.—Psalm, Battahill, Tarlo &  
 Barnby; Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis,  
 Wesley in F; Anthem, 'Rejoice in  
 the Lord,' Hymns, 12 & 215.

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WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.—SUNDAY,  
 JULY 30TH.  
 Morning 10.30:—Hymns, 257, 732, 645,  
 337.  
 Evening 5.45:—974, 493, 654, 571, Psalm,  
 XC & XCI.

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UNION CHURCH.—SUNDAY, JULY 30TH.

Byzans, 1, 123, 257; Psalm, 62, 2nd Version; Anthem, 4.

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THE postponed Gymkhana will take place at Happy Valley on Monday next, at 5 p.m.

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THE Austrian cruiser *Kaiserin Elisabeth*, with Archduke Ferdinand on board, left to-day for Yokohama.

BRANOR Burdon will conduct a service at the Peak Church on Sunday next at 5 p.m. There will be no service at 8 o'clock on that day.

THE Secretary of the Panjoni Mining Company, Limited, informs us that the Deed of

pany of the Jala Mine, and all the property of the London Company, executed by Mr Brodie the Liquidator, had been received by the Solicitors of the Company, and that a draft of the Agreement can be seen at the Office of the Company. The terms of the reassignment necessitate the settlement by the Panjom Mining Company of the debts of the London Company, and the ascent of certain London Shareholders to the Solomons of the Voluntary Liquidation has only been obtained with great difficulty and protracted negotiations, and thus the uncertain and dangerous alternative of throwing the Panjom Pahang Gold Company into compulsory liquidation has been avoided. The new machinery, consisting of 10 additional heads of stamps, Kew wanners and grinding pans, have arrived in Singapore en route for Panjom, and a new high pressure boiler to economize the use of wood fuel has been ordered. A call of 50 cents per share is advertised to meet the above expenses.



No. 9507, July 29, 1893.

Tax scaffolding accident at the East Point Sugar Refinery yesterday has resulted in the death of four men.

Tax death is announced of Mr. L. C. Macon, whom old residents will remember as having been for many years connected with the Chartered Mercantile Bank here and afterwards with the Oriental Banking Corporation.

Mr. Wodehouse, at the Magistracy this morning, sentenced a Mauritian seaman to six months' imprisonment for stabbing a man named Kelly, the second mate of a vessel which had been visiting Manila. The British Consul at Manila took some evidence, and sent the accused to Hongkong to be dealt with.

An Indian watchman named Hukim Singh, who is charged with stealing the Savings Bank book of a fellow watchman, was committed for trial by Mr. Wodehouse to-day. The accused is alleged to have gone to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and withdrawn \$120 deposited there in the name of the owner of the pass-book. He went to Macao for some days, and was arrested upon his return.

The proceedings at the Special Sessions of Justice of the Peace called for Wednesday next will be purely formal. Several Justices who wish to attend the consideration of the license for "The Buffet" at the Tramway terminus at Victoria Gap have represented that as Wednesday is mail day it would be inconvenient to hold the meeting on that day. The Sessions will therefore be adjourned till Friday next at 11 a.m.

To-day at the Magistracy a Chinaman residing at 178 Wellington Street was charged by Messrs. Reuter, Brodbeckman & Co. with selling or having in his possession a large number of packages containing bottles of Florida water, marked so nearly like the registered trade mark of Reuter, Brodbeckman & Co. as to be calculated to deceive. Mr. R. C. Ellis (of Mr. V. H. Deane's office) conducted the prosecution. After hearing some evidence, his Worship adjourned the case till Wednesday next at 10 o'clock, bail being fixed at \$400.

Professor Emerich, of Munich, and the Japanese physician, Jiro Tachibana, have published a brochure on Asiatic cholera, in which they seek to prove that the cholera bacillus is the organism by means of which the disease is spread. The Standard, the Times, and other papers, have published the brochure, and have also published the views of the two authors. They conclude that the cholera bacillus is the organism by means of which the disease is spread, and that the disease is spread by the water of the river, and not by the air.

Various attempts have been made to account for the diversity in shape seen in eggs. A recent study convinces Dr. Nicolay that the differences may be all traced to gravity, and he holds his idea collected by all the eggs in the zoological collection of the St. Petersburg University. He supposes that pressure by the sides of the egg tends to elongate the egg before the shell has hardened. In birds which keep a vertical position while at rest, as the falcated, the egg is elongated by the weight of the body against the action of the weight of the egg. In birds that, like the grebe, are nearly always swimming, the egg is elongated because the bird's weight acts with the compression by the water. The egg is made more pointed at one end than at the other in birds that, like the guillemot, are frequently swimming and diving, sometimes perching on the rocks, etc.

#### IMPORTANT SEIZURE OF OPIUM.

At the Magistracy Capt. Hastings was occupied for the greater portion of the day hearing a charge brought by Inspector Corcoran, of the Water Police, against the five partners forming the Opium Farm whose business premises are at 85 and 88 Bonham Strand West. The charge was that thirteen chests of opium had been moved between the hours of 7 p.m. on the 19th July, and 6 a.m. on the 20th July, contrary to Section 6 of Ordinance 22 of 1891.

Mr. Master, Acting Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution; and the Opium Farm was represented by Mr. H. L. Denney.

The story told by an informant was that he saw some chests of opium taken on board cargo boat 331 near the Paoing Wharf, Praya West, at 6 p.m. on the 19th inst. He followed the boat in a sampans, and saw it anchor at Siemsen's buoy. On the morning of the 19th inst. the cargo boat went and lay alongside the *Hankow* wharf, Praya Central, for several hours, during which time, he saw information to the police.

That evening, about 6 o'clock the cargo boat proceeded in an easterly direction and anchored off Blue Buildings, where it was boarded by Inspector Corcoran on the following morning.

Inspector Corcoran said he found the permits held by the men on board corresponding with the numbers on the chests. He had given instructions several days ago to watch for opium being removed during prohibited hours. It was intended that the chests should be confined to cargo boats and not extended to steamers.

Evidence was given as to the description of the chests of the opium.

It was admitted by the Crown that the cargo boat was anchored at 7 p.m. on the 19th inst.

Mr. Denney reminded his Worship that in a similar case, his colleague, Mr. Wodehouse had ordered the release of the opium

and maintained that the opium was taken out under permit a few minutes before 7 o'clock in the evening and was not in course of movement or removal.

His Worship held that a contravention of the Ordinance had taken place, fined each of the partners \$1, and ordered the confiscation of the opium which is valued at several thousands of dollars. It is understood the decision will be appealed against.

#### FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That the constitution of the Retrenchment Commission is still seriously exercising the mind of Governor Robinson.

That it may be questioned whether Sir William ever permits the even tenor of his way to be disturbed by the exercise of his mind, so long as he can get anyone else's mind to exercise.

That rumour has it Mr. Wodehouse has withdrawn from the Commission, and Captain Ramsay has also taken a back seat.

That as Mr. Keewick has asked leave to sit outside the Commission, and Mr. Whithead rightly threatens to throw up the entire business unless the unofficial majority is fully conceded, the personnel of the Retrenchment Commission is at present what might be termed an unknown quantity.

That this Retrenchment Commission affair does not refund to the credit of the Governor—no, it may be, of the Colonial Secretary.

That they have opposed it openly from the beginning, and now, when they have been instructed to grant it, the tactics adopted are such that would scarcely do credit to a wire-pulling lobbyist of the U. S. Congress.

That surely good taste, if not policy, would have suggested an unofficial majority, even had the Secretary of State not stipulated for it.

That another complaint or protest from the unofficial members to Downing Street may tend to disturb the equanimity of His Excellency.

That perhaps the shilly-shallying policy of the Executive may be explained by the lack of decision credited to the Legal Adviser of the Crown.

That Mr. Goodman, who is believed to be a charming gentleman in private, is said to be a feeble adviser, chiefly because he has very great difficulty in making up his own mind.

That the display made by the Attorney General in a case in the Supreme Court the other day seemed to prove this.

That the Court appeared on that occasion to agree in nearly every particular with the opposing Counsel, which looked rather like an admission that the Crown was not being advised in a very masterly manner.

That there are other circumstances which seem to demonstrate the great necessity that exists for having a strong Attorney General here.

That the deadlock which appears to have been reached in connection with the proposed Tramway would not, if fancy, have occurred had the Legal Adviser of the Crown been fortunate enough to take a clear view of the situation.

That the Director of Public Works, it may be, has taken exception to what was approved by his predecessor, and has objected on technical grounds to the double line in Queen's Road, but nothing has been said of the alternative of a single line passing along Queen's Road and the present Praya (the future Middle Street).

That with the compliances of the Governor, the brusqueness of the Colonial Secretary, the feebleness of the Attorney General, and the obstinacy of the Director of Public Works, our lot here is not a happy one.

That a prisoner has been sentenced to death in Hongkong, and the Chinese are greatly and most unusually excited over the question whether or not he will be executed.

That certain residents who keep a diary or a sharp memory for such gruesome incidents in our municipal life say it is twelve years since a prisoner suffered the death penalty here.

That apart from the desire of the native community and indeed the expressed wish of the prisoner himself, it is to be hoped no steps will be taken to interfere with the proper course of law.

That the canine portion of the inhabitants of our Island are being classified and ticked off in accordance with most advanced rules.

That the disk which was said to accompany the license is not a disk, but an irregularly shaped brass plate bearing the initial of the district and the number of the license.

That this disk will have to be rivetted on to the dog's collar.

That the numbering of the dogs goes on very slowly, and the massing will, I presume, be all the greater when it begins.

That it is probably an open question whether ten per cent of the Chinese residents know anything about the new law.

That if it be true, as I hear, that the Archduke of Austria-Hungary has a strong dislike to being entertained to anything except a hunting trip, he must be delighted with the quietude of his stay in Hongkong.

That I like the turret-ship *Alex*, which is under orders for Hongkong Harbour, really takes the place of the *Worm* (which is now locked upon as a chocolate), and not the *Victor Emmanuel*.

That the old *Victor* will still be retained as a hulk or barracks-ship, until the *Monroe* may take her place after the *Millery* hospital is built on the Bays Road site.

That this "repeal" blockade may fall in with French ideas, as her trade is not affected, while that of England and Germany is seriously hampered.

That this sort of thing should be stopped, and it is to be hoped in hard times like these it will be stopped very soon.

That the proceedings of our Legislative Council have not as yet been varied by a free fight.

That a scuffle then ensued as words which have hitherto applied to the French Chamber, not the House of Commons.

That in the House the members appear to have been non-heroic Herod.

That, amid much cringing and compliments, the financial clauses of the Home Rule Bill were passed.

That surely the dissolution of that Parliament cannot now be far distant.

#### BROWNIE.

#### HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STRAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The half yearly meeting of the above company was held this afternoon in the Company's office. Hon. E. R. Balfour (Chairman) presided, and there were present: Messrs F. A. Gomes, J. Kramer, Pong Pong, Lee Shing (Directors), T. Arnold (Secretary), A. A. de Cruz, A. G. B. Soares, A. T. G. Silva, Wu Kow, E. J. Moore, M. H. Michael, J. D. Humphreys, H. M. S. H. Kamael, G. George, B. Dowdell, J. Henderson, James H. Cox, E. R. Balfour, and Cheong Kapp.

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, as the report has now been in your hands for several days, we will, with your permission, in accordance with the usual practice, take it as read. In a usual, the position of the company's affairs is so fully entered into, that there remains but very little for me to add. It is a matter for regret that such low rates of freight should continue to prevail on the Canton line, but this is the natural consequence of excess of tonnage, in which respect we are suffering in common with other shippers in all parts of the world.

It is, perhaps, some consolation to know that rates are now about as low as they can be. In a usual, the position of the company's affairs is so fully entered into, that there remains but very little for me to add. It is a matter for regret that such low rates of freight should continue to prevail on the Canton line, but this is the natural consequence of excess of tonnage, in which respect we are suffering in common with other shippers in all parts of the world.

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#### SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.  
(Before His Honor Mr. Justice Clarke,  
Chief Justice.)  
Saturday, July 29.

#### CARVALHO'S LANDLORD—IMPORTANCE.

His Lordship to-day was adjourned yesterday, the plaintiff, a retired Civil Servant, sued Addio Langley for \$372.90, being rent and taxes for the house at 11 Gage Street for the current quarter—July to September.

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You say if she was paying rent in advance you did not think you should make any inquiry?—Yes.

Mr. Holmes—Have you ever heard of anyone by the name of Miss Wheeler?—Only lately.

Have you ever heard of a Miss Hopkins?—No.

Did you ever hear that Miss Hopkins was attorney for Miss Vancose?—No.

You have a son, have you not?—Yes; I have two sons.

Did one of these sons, by your direction, go and see Miss Wheeler with regard to 11 Gage Street?—Not by my direction.

I was in Macao at the time. Miss Wheeler wrote to me about a lease of the house, and I wrote to her about it. I found my son had written in reply to Miss Wheeler, and I confirmed what he said, but it was done without my authority.

So that before the end of June you tried to let this house to Miss Wheeler?—No. His Lordship—Did you not say that?

Oh, I know how to write; please don't think I am so foolish that I cannot see the difference in an answer of that sort. Did your son try?—He answered a letter from Miss Wheeler.

Mr. Holmes—Offering to take the house?—Yes.

His Lordship—And what was the tenor of his answer?—I must see the letter.

Because you forget all about it?—Yes. You mean to say you really forgot what he wrote?—I do not forget what he said. He wrote to me about it. I found my son had written in reply to Miss Wheeler, and I confirmed what he said, but it was done without my authority.

For anything you know he might have indignantly replied that she could not have it?—No.

Then you have some recollection of it?—Yes.



